written ſeveral letters and eſſays in the *Gazetteer*, *Public Ledger*, and *Lady's Magazine*, which he has had the pleaſure to find were favourably received.

He is in private life, and lives upon his fortune, having a genteel income, ſufficient to maintain himſelf, his wife and family in a comfortable manner, neither afraid of the world's frowns, nor dependant on its ſmiles, but thankful to a kind Providence for placing him in ſuch eaſy and enviable circumſtances, whereby he is a companion for the rich and (he hopes) a willing friend to the neceſſitous and diſtreſſed. Happy ſtate! devoutly to be wiſhed.

Being

The AUTHOR.

Being fond of literary amuſements, he employs no ſmall part of his time in reading, ſtudy, and obſervation on men and thigns.

When he looks around him and ſees the noble and dignified part of mankind, with all the pomp of greatneſs, and pageantry of grandeur, continually attended with a numerous retinue of ſervants, and accoſted with the fawning ſpeeches of adulation and ſervility, he cannot but adore and bleſs that beneficent *Supreme* who has placed him below the rank of the *Right Honourable*, and his *Grace*, and yet at the ſame time made him the inheritor of an eaſy independance.

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